



Portland Elks

The 188 News

April 2024

Dear Members and Officers,

As I began writing this newsletter as your newly elected Exalted Ruler, I thought of all the changes that our Lodge has seen over the years. We have weathered some tough times but have also seen many good years. This would not have been possible without all of the amazing members who devote so much of their time and effort to make our Lodge the best it could be. Many thanks to our outgoing Exalted Ruler, Stephanie Ingraham, for all she has done for the Lodge this past year.



I am truly excited for what "Our Lodge" can become and continue to be for many years to come. We can do this if we all continue to work together to further our commitment to the community in which we serve. Whether that would be our youth, senior citizens, veterans, schools and so many others. So, if anyone has the ability and desire to volunteer to be on a committee or assist with an event that would be fantastic.

Speaking of our children, the Hoop Shoot breakfast was held on March 9 at our Lodge for all of the regional hoop shoot participants. We had served approximately 240 at our lodge and I can say that it went very well. The New England regional hoop shoot was held immediately afterwards at the USM campus.

On April 8 we will be installing all of our incoming officers for the upcoming year. This will begin at 5:30 pm with the general meeting proceeding immediately after the installation.

The April 22 meeting we will vote on and approve our annual budget so please show up to support our lodge and vote on our budget.

Come on in to the lodge on either Wednesday or Friday to play the three card challenge or enjoy a delicious meal. See you all soon!!

Fraternally yours,

Joe Winschel
Exalted Ruler



2024—2025 LODGE OFFICERS

Joseph Winschel
Exalted Ruler

Martha Binette
Esteemed Leading Knight

Renate Masse
Esteemed Loyal Knight

Barbara Pileggi
Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Victoria Doughty
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Treasurer

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Esquire

Vacant
Inner Guard

Vacant
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Roger Jones
Trustee (1 year)

Tim Smith
Trustee (2 years)

Kim Toppi
Trustee (3 years)

Gary Rairdon
Trustee (4 years)

Joan Harmon
Trustee (5 years)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW LODGE 188 MEMBERS



Front (l-r): Jean Cote,
Doreen Maxfield, Katherine
Boyd, Shirley Libby

Back (l-r): Barbara Hebert,
Kathy Bailey, Samuel
Smiley, Michael Shea

News from Lodge Secretary

Victoria Doughty



PORTLAND ELKS LODGE #188 2024 – 2025 DUES STATEMENT

Each year a portion of dues is sent to the Grand Lodge to assist with operating costs, production of the Elks magazine, and insurance. For 2024, this portion of your dues has increased by \$5.

Below is the dues renewal form that must be filled out in full and returned with your payment. If you would like your 2024 card mailed, **YOU MUST** enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If the Lodge mails it to you without the provided envelope, the cost will be an additional \$5.00. Otherwise, your card will be at the Lodge Bar for pickup.

NOTE: If you return the form sent to you by the Grand Lodge, PLEASE do not tear it apart. Return the entire form.

Name _____ Member# _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Dues enclosed: \$94 regular member _____ \$56.50 life member _____

Check applicable Charitable Contributions and/or Fees listed below:

Elks National Foundation	___\$10	State Initiative (MCCP)	___\$10
Scholarship Fund	___\$10	Mail Membership Card	___\$5

Please mail my card. I've enclosed an envelope. I will pick up at Elks Lodge

Charge Credit Card# _____ Exp Date _____

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TO PAY DUES ONLINE: <https://Search.revopay.com/elkslodge>

How do you want to receive Lodge news? Mail _____ Email _____

Please provide an Emergency Contact name, address, phone number, and relationship:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Relationship to Elk Member _____

Manager's Message

Kim McDonough, General Manager



Happy Spring!

Spring is in the air and this signifies a season of growth and development. At Lodge 188 that means brides are planning their wedding, school seniors are planning their proms, graduates are planning their class reunions, and birthday parties, bridal showers, and business meetings are popping up. For us here at the Lodge, things are getting busier every day.

Our goals for 2024 is to update the audiovisual equipment in the Lounge as well as the Alden Ballroom, and start a marketing campaign for weddings and other events. We've received many compliments on the newly painted Ballroom and now we need to capitalize on that, and do more marketing of our wonderful venue.

As a member of the Elks, our hope is that you keep Lodge 188 in mind for your events, but also recommend us to friends and co-workers. It's your referrals and vote of confidence that is a huge part of our success.

Kim Toppi has been busy updating our Elks web page and our catering menus are now on line for potential clients to view. Look for new photos and testimonials in the near future. In the meantime, our Weekly Blast is posted on line, you can find the monthly newsletter there, and check out photos from past Lodge events.

Thank you to all our members for your continued support of Lodge 188. Please stop in and see us this Spring!

Bingo—Every Tuesday Doors Open at 9 am; Games start at 12 noon

Purchase of Cards start at 10am, Sale of Break open tickets, and 50/50 tickets are available. Kitchen open for delicious snacks and lunch prior to game time. Join us for a fun afternoon!



REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS

ARTICLE II of Lodge 188 HOUSE RULES

1. Spouses and all other guests must be escorted by an Elk. Guest must enter and leave with their escort.
2. Each Member, in good standing, is allowed to sign in two guests per night. The Member must escort their guests, register them, and remain in the building while his or her guest(s) are in attendance. All guests must leave the building when the Member, who has signed them in, leaves.
3. Members shall not bring the same guest to the Lodge more than six (6) times during the Lodge year (April 1 - March 31). Upon exceeding the six limit visits, the guest will be asked to leave the Lodge; however, they will be given a membership application and encouraged to join.
4. Exception will be made in the case of the Member's spouse who is not limited to the number of

Portland Elks "SOUP"er Sunday, May 19

Choose from 4 fabulous homemade soups, two sizes

PICK UP MAY 19, 12 noon—3 pm

ORDER by May 1, must be paid in advance

Stay a while and watch the Red Sox v Cardinals at 1:15 pm

Beef Stew: beef, wine, beef broth, carrot, potato, tomato paste, garlic



16 oz: \$10

32 oz: \$18

Chicken & Rice Soup: chicken, celery, carrot, rice, onion, broth



16 oz: \$10

32 oz: \$18

Italian Wedding Soup: meatballs, parmesan cheese, garlic, carrot, chicken broth, pasta, spinach



16 oz: \$10

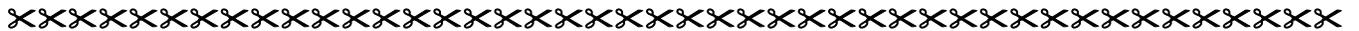
32 oz: \$18

Broccoli Cheddar Soup: butter, onion, broccoli, cheddar cheese, half & half



16 oz: \$10

32 oz: \$18



Name _____ Phone _____

Beef Stew	16 oz (\$10) QTY: _____	32 oz (\$18) QTY: _____	TOTAL _____
Chicken & Rice	16 oz (\$10) QTY: _____	32 oz (\$18) QTY: _____	TOTAL _____
Italian Wedding	16 oz (\$10) QTY: _____	32 oz (\$18) QTY: _____	TOTAL _____
Broccoli Cheddar	16 oz (\$10) QTY: _____	32 oz (\$18) QTY: _____	TOTAL _____
6 pack Biscuits	\$5 QTY _____		TOTAL _____
TOTAL ORDERED	QTY: _____	QTY: _____	TOTAL DUE: _____

Make check to Portland Elks Lodge 188, and mail to Elks Activity Committee, 1945B Congress Street, Portland 04102.

Charge my credit card:

Name _____ Signature _____

Card # _____ Exp Date _____ Zip Code _____

Activity Committee

Kim Toppi, Chairperson



May Day Basket Drive

Help us fill our baskets! The Activity Committee will be delivering May Day Baskets to residents in local nursing homes May 1. You can help make the day a happy one for those living in a nursing home, whether there short term or long term.

Suggested items:

Gripper Slippers, any size, any color

Puzzle Books, Word Searches

Hand Cream

Small Plastic Flower Arrangement

Stationery, Note Cards

Combs, Hair Brushes

Hand Wipes

Body Wash, Shampoo

Baby Dolls

Window Decorations

Coloring Books, Colored Pencils

Magnifying Glass

Back Scratcher

Sports team merchandise

Candy Bars or **SMALL** bags

Our goal is to fill 100 Bags. Your donation is truly appreciated and will be well received by residents. If you would prefer to make a cash donation and have us do the shopping for you, please see Margaret Poulin or Kim Toppi.

Please drop off to the Elks Lounge NO LATER THAN April 24.



Mark Your Calendars.....

Girls 's Night Out Shopping Spree

Friday, May 10, 4-7 pm

30 Direct Sales Vendors will have goods for sale; kitchen open with dinner options while you shop, cash bar

"SOUP"er SUNDAY, MAY 19, 1—3 pm

Four delicious homemade soups will be available for pre-order and pick up on our "SOUP"er SUNDAY, May 19. Pick up is 1-3 pm. All soups will be fresh and may be frozen once you take them home.



Beef Stew, Italian Wedding Soup, Chicken & Rice Soup, Broccoli/Cheddar Soup.
16 oz for \$10, 32 oz for \$18.

SOUP MUST BE PRE-ORDERED BY MAY 1. Look for the form in the Lounge, on the Elks website, portlandelks188.org, or on page 5 of this newsletter.

UPCOMING LIVE MUSIC

Lounge 188



Delta Knights
Friday, April 26



Annylse & Mike
Friday, May 3

THE CHRIS AND MIKE SHOW



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Chris & Mike Show
Friday, June 7



MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS.....CATHY DeLUCA

I have been a member of the Elks for four years. I came as a guest a couple times, enjoyed myself, so I decided to join with the encouragement of several friends. I was looking for something social and wanted to try to get more involved. I volunteer each week doing 50-50, have volunteered in a variety of different ways from the craft/bake sale, Basket Raffle Extravaganza, and anything I'm asked to volunteer to do. I am more than happy to volunteer as it is the fastest way to get to know people and it is truly a lot of fun. I think if more people did volunteer, they would get a lot out of it. I also volunteer for the veterans breakfast and it's probably one of my favorite events each year to volunteer at

I grew up on Munjoy Hill. I am one of seven children. I have two grown children. I have one son and a future, daughter-in-law, and one daughter that I currently live with in Westbrook. I work for the City of Portland as the food and beverage coordinator. I look forward to my nights at the Elks to have some fun and to laugh, and to share a drink or two, and some would say to win way too much money, but especially to sit and chat with my friends, old and new. ❤️



April 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 	2  Doors open 9 am Games 12N	3  Cards 530pm	4	5  Cards 6 pm DJ & Karaoke 730-10 pm	6
7	8 Officer Install, 530 p Gen Mtg 6 pm	9  Doors open 9 am Games 12N	10  Cards 530pm	11	12  Cards 6 pm DJ & Karaoke 730-10 pm	13
	15 	16  Doors open 9 am Games 12N	17  Blood Drive 9 am Activity Comm 2pm Cards 530 pm	18	19  Cards 6 pm DJ & Karaoke 730-10 pm	20
21	22 House Co 5 pm Veteran Comm 5 pm Gen Mt 6 pm	23  Doors open 9 am Games 12N 	24  Cards 530pm	25	26  Cards 6 pm Delta Knights 730-1030pm	27
28	29	30 Doors open 9 am	<i>Donations for the May Day Basket Drive need to be delivered by April 24. Please leave in Lounge. May Day bags will be delivered May 1 to local Nursing Homes.</i>			



Lodge 188 hosted the local Hoop Shoot breakfast in March. Close to 250 Hoop Shoot contestants and their families were treated to breakfast.

Many thanks to the volunteers who spent a very early Saturday morning helping out with the breakfast.

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Becoming a Booster is a way to recognize family members and friends that are important to you. The cost is \$10 for one year, or become a Lifetime Booster for \$100. If you would like to become a Booster, fill out form below and return with check to: Portland Elks Lodge, 1945B Congress Street, Portland, ME 04102, attn: Lodge Secretary.

NAME _____

In Honor/Memory of: _____

Booster type: Yearly (\$10) _____ Lifetime (\$100) _____

BRICKS TO HONOR A LOVED ONE

If you want to remember a loved one or honor a family member, or a friend who has done a good deed, an engraved brick at Lodge 188 leaves a lasting legacy.

Bricks are \$50 each and are placed around the Elk at the main entrance to the Lodge.

Applications are on a table in the hallway leading to the Lounge. Completed forms and a check may be turned in to Barbara Pileggi.

Bricks will only be ordered when there are at least 5 new bricks to be engraved.

Our sincere thanks to all those who have placed an order.



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Newsletter submission: if you have info to share or if you attend a Member Event and take photos that could be included in an upcoming newsletter, please email to Kim Toppi, Newsletter Editor, ktoppi@maine.rr.com for consideration. Thank you!

Lodge/Lounge Hours	
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Bingo ONLY
Wednesday	3pm—9 pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	3pm—11pm
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

Lodge Phone
 773-7396

Lodge Fax
 773-3582

Secretary
 Vickey Doughty, 773-6939

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 Kim McDonough, 838-4386